

within the Baruch Institute's 17,000-acre coastal preserve has ranged from studies of ocean tides, to tracking sea turtle nesting sites, to collecting data on the effects of Hurricane Hugo on the ecosystem. For John's part in these and other efforts, he has been named South Carolina Conservationist of the Year by South Carolina Wildlife and was honored with the Waddell Lifetime Achievement Award by Friends of the Coast. John and Winona often publish joint research projects, and Winona's environmental leadership was recognized through the Water Conservationist of the Year award by the South Carolina Wildlife Federation.

Mr. President, the Vernbergs are a couple we will continue to admire and cherish in South Carolina, and we will watch for their continued accomplishments as professors emeritus at the university. The institutions they have led and built up will continue to be a force for the good in our State and the Nation. I commend their work to my colleagues interested in public health and the environment, and wish the Vernberg family my best in the years ahead.●

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 1996

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, passage of a Coast Guard reauthorization bill is a matter of vital importance to Oregon, particularly to smaller communities on the Oregon coast. A strong Coast Guard presence is essential to safeguard the lives of fishermen, recreational boaters, and all others who venture out into the frigid Northwest waters.

Because of the cold temperature of Pacific Northwest waters, a delay in Coast Guard response time by even a few minutes could mean a matter of life and death to capsized boaters. For that reason, I worked with a bipartisan group of coastal State Senators to ensure Coast Guard stations would not be closed unless there are strong safeguards in place to ensure maritime safety will not be diminished.

Specifically, under section 309 of the conference report, the Secretary of Transportation is prohibited from closing any Coast Guard multimission small boat station unless the Secretary determines that closure of a station will not diminish maritime safety in the area of the station, taking into account water temperature and other local conditions.

This section also provides an opportunity for affected communities to have a voice in any decision on a proposed station closure. The Secretary must provide an opportunity for public comment and hold public meetings before closing any small boat station.

The Coast Guard stations in Oregon covered by section 309 are: Coos Bay, Depoe Bay, Siuslaw River, Tillamook Bay, Chetco River, Yaquina Bay, and Umpqua River.

Section 309 also contains a provision I authored to ensure that all small

boat stations will have available at least one vessel capable of performing ocean rescues. This provision was included to address a situation that arose last summer when the Rogue River Sardet station near Gold Beach was assigned a 20-foot vessel that was useless for performing ocean rescues. Under my provision, all small boat stations, including seasonally operated facilities like the Rogue River Sardet, will be guaranteed to have at least one vessel capable of performing ocean rescues.

By including these provisions in the conference report, we are giving the Coast Guard the tools needed to protect our citizens' lives and enhancing safety in the waters off Oregon's coast.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MARIAN MCPARTLAND'S "PIANO JAZZ"

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz, produced by the South Carolina Educational Radio Network. This Peabody Award-winning show has earned recognition for its educational value and importance in promoting and preserving a distinctly American art form—jazz.

Piano Jazz is National Public Radio's [NPR] longest running music series and airs on over 250 NPR member stations nationwide. The series was conceived in 1979 by the South Carolina Educational Radio Network. South Carolina Educational Radio took a considerable risk by launching one of the first station-based, locally produced public radio programs to air across America.

The risk paid off. Serving South Carolinians for 17 years, the program is a showcase for many of jazz's greatest performances and artists, including Bobby Short, Mary Lou Williams, Dizzy Gillespie and Wynton Marsalis, and has helped launch the careers of some lesser known musicians as well.

The programs are hosted by Marian McPartland who blends informal but information packed conversation with improvisational performances. McPartland has been honored by special performances of Piano Jazz at the Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. In 1986, she also was inducted into the International Association of Jazz Educators Hall of Fame.

The program has been recognized with many major awards for broadcasting excellence, including the Peabody, Gabriel, Armstrong, Ohio State and several New York International Radio Festival awards. In fact, the show's recordings are so valuable that both the Library of Congress and the Rogers & Hammerstein Archive of Recorded Sound of the New York Public Library at Lincoln Center are preserving complete collections of the series.

I hope this innovative and award-winning show is able to continue serving its broad and varied audience which includes older, established jazz aficionados, as well as listeners 25

years old and under. From senior citizens to seniors in high school, this program provides the best of South Carolina Educational Radio network. Piano Jazz has been such a success because of the public's longstanding support. I hope the public continues in this support so the show remains strong and prosperous.

In recognition of Piano Jazz, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marian McPartland, Henry Cauthen, president and founder of the South Carolina Educational Radio Network, and Shari Hutchison, the program's producer, for this tremendous and valuable cultural jewel.●

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, on September 12, Secretary of State Warren Christopher personally asked the Senate majority leader to withdraw the Chemical Weapons Convention [CWC] from consideration by the Senate. The majority leader had scheduled a vote on the treaty on that day. Obviously the administration did not believe the Senate would ratify the agreement. As a result, we were not able to have the public debate that, I believe, would have shown why the treaty was in such trouble. Since the treaty could be re-submitted for consideration by the Senate, I believe it is important to submit for the RECORD a sampling of articles, editorials, and opinion editorials which outline the basis for the case against the CWC.

The material follows:

[From the New York Times, Sept. 13, 1996]

A TREATY THAT DESERVED TO DIE

(By Jon Kyl)

An extraordinary thing happened in the Senate yesterday. The proponents of the Chemical Weapons Convention surprisingly pulled the plug on their effort to obtain immediate Senate approval of the treaty's ratification.

Last June, the advocates thought this treaty was all but ratified. They had won a commitment for it to be brought up for a vote in the last few weeks before the November elections. They assumed, not unreasonably, that the treaty would be seen as a motherhood and apple-pie proposition—aiming as it does to ban these horrible weapons worldwide.

By any political analysis, this calculation should have been right. But substantive analysis of the treaty's flaws proved to be more powerful than superficial political considerations.

That such serious deliberation could occur reflects great credit on both the treaty's proponents and its opponents. In particular, its champions largely refrained from portraying themselves as the champions of the abolition of these weapons and casting the other side as "pro-poison gas."

The opponents, however, made clear that they too are in favor of the elimination of chemical weapons, including the American stockpile. By law, the destruction will take place with or without this convention. But they fear that under present circumstances the treaty will not accomplish its purpose and that it will do more harm than good.

First, the convention will not include many dangerous chemical-weapons states,